

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Wrong is Wrong

“But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done” (Col. 3:25)

There is a divine standard measuring right and wrong morally and spiritually. We are responsible and must answer to God for the decisions we make and the things we do. People frequently try to defend, excuse or explain away wrongs they have done. We must insist that *wrong is wrong regardless*. For example:

1. Wrong is wrong even if one does not get caught. One may cheat on his income tax, copy answers from another on a school test, break the speed limit or shop lift from a store. His philosophy may be, “It’s only wrong if you get caught.” Of course, sooner or later, one’s sin will find him out (Numbers 32:23).

2. Wrong is wrong even if it is legal. Civil government is good and we are taught to respect and obey it (Romans 13:1-7), but sometimes the laws of the state conflict with the laws of God. Civil government has made gambling, alcohol, abortion and divorce for many reasons legal but can never make them right.

3. Wrong is wrong even if it is for “a good cause.” A civic or religious organization conducts raffle and asks people to buy a chance (gamble) because, “It’s for a good cause.” A dance is held to raise money for a child needing an operation. A beer company says, “Buy our beer and a portion of your money will go to fight MD.” Paul sarcastically rejected that idea by asking, “Let us do evil that good may come?” (Romans 3:8).

4. Wrong is wrong even if someone else causes you to do it. Adam blamed Eve for his sin, but he was still wrong. Sometimes people cave in to pressure or are provoked into doing something wrong, but they are still responsible.

5. Wrong is wrong even if it is difficult to make right. Some wrongs are very hard to give up. Our heart goes out to those who struggle with alcoholism, lustful thoughts, or an unscriptural divorce and remarriage. We wish to comfort, encourage, and support them but we cannot give them the idea that something is not so wrong just because it is difficult to overcome.

6. Wrong is wrong even if someone else has done something as bad or worse. A teenager tried to talk her Christian parents into letting her go to the prom. “But, Mom,” she argued, “Everyone’s going to be there.” Social drinking is often defended because “Everybody does it.” Someone excuses himself by saying, “At least what I did was not as bad as what John did.”

7. Wrong is wrong regardless of who does it. Years ago a man expressed appreciation to a preacher for a strong and Scriptural sermon he preached in a meeting on divorce and remarriage. “We need more preaching on this subject,” he said. Years later, the same preacher returned for another Gospel meeting and preached the same lesson. This time, the same brother expressed resentment and opposition to such “harsh, unloving” preaching; the reason? His daughter had recently divorced her husband un-scripturally and remarried.

8. Wrong is wrong even if it does not bother you. Some may insist, “I don’t see anything wrong with it.” I once read about a man who walked through a glass patio door. He did not see it, but it was still there.

9. Wrong is wrong even if it appears to be expedient. Caiaphas was willing for Jesus to be crucified—even though He was a just and innocent man—so that the whole nation would not perish (John 11:49-50). A salesman may think it is expedient to lie in order to make a big sale

which will be of great financial benefit to his family. But, wrong is wrong even if it seems like the only way we can gain something we think is needed.

10. Wrong is wrong even if you do not admit it. The prophet Malachi condemned the people of his day for a number of wrongs. Rather than admitting and turning from them, they tried to “bluff” their way through. They said, “Where have we done this?” (Malachi 1:6; 2:17; 3:7-8). The fact that they tried to deny wrongdoing did not mean they were innocent.

Yes, wrong is wrong regardless of all these things (and more). People in the military are taught to respond to a challenge of wrongdoing on their part by saying, “No excuse, Sir!” We must be willing to face our wrongs and make them right.

—Darrell E. Beard

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Ora McAfee and her family in the loss of her nephew’s wife, Debbie Roberts. Debbie passed away Sunday, February 26th in Wilmer, TX. She had suffered for many years with COPD. Debbie was 62 years old.

Also, our condolences go out to Doug Guynn and his family in the loss of his sister-in-law last week. She obeyed the Gospel two days before she entered into her eternal rest. We rejoice along with the angels in Heaven.

Prayer Requests

Ora McAfee who has been very sick lately has recovered somewhat from the flu but is still not doing well and having difficulty with her breathing. A CT scan of her lungs was done on the 27th. They are checking for the possibility of COPD.

Jim Ochoa (Rudy’s brother) who suffered a heart attack on the 20th underwent triple bypass heart surgery last Monday, February 27th in Wichita, KS. The surgery was a success and Jim’s hospital stay will be about five days.

Jenny Fuls (Nancy Easlon’s sister) was taken back to the University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock for surgery. Jenny has several broken bones and fractures that still need attention due to the auto accident she had back in December.

Vanessa Machuca (daughter of Sylvia Campos) will be having surgery in the near future. Vanessa lives in Helotes, TX. Keep her in your prayers that all will go well for her surgery.

Concerns Update

John Wood went to Dallas last week for some tests. He is awaiting the results.

Eva Carrasco has had a very bad cold along with bronchitis symptoms for the past few weeks. She is doing better.

Also **Cathy and Caimee Mooney** have been fighting bronchitis and cold recently. Caimee had to be taken to the Urgent Care a couple of times.

Hattie Gilmore is still in rehab at Medical Center Hospital and doing well. She is in Room #131.

Mary Brown has less pain now since the second procedure was done on her neck.

Jeff Wesson has been under the weather with a cold recently. He is feeling much better now.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Glynn Chandler; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jenny Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Jody Langford; Cheyenne Lozano's baby; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Paula Wyatt; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question... Outside of what city walls was Jesus crucified?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Pontius Pilate said, "What is truth?"

Wedding Shower...

There will be a "Wedding Shower" in honor of Hannah Weakland, Sunday, March 26th between 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Bonnie Sorenson's home. Her selections are at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon and Walmart. All the ladies are invited.

Events

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "Speaking the Truth in Love" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

NOTE: Odessa Christian School has a position open for school secretary. The position is a 12 month hourly. If interested pick up an application from the front office. We will be accepting applications through March 20th.

Thank you,

Nancy Campbell

STF—Group #1 will have their luncheon today following our morning service. All our visitors are invited to join them.

March 5, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Josh Weakland
Jacob Carson
Mike Roemisch

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Don Easlon
Bill Butler
Dex Dennard

Lord's Supper

West...

Tom Sorenson

Josh Wells

Dex Dennard

East...

Cody Wesson

Larry May

George Warren

Bill Butler

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit:* Scot Straw 368-7852 *Table:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tony Marrs 553-7349 *Collections:* Scot Straw & Chris Butler

Sunday AM

"Holes"

(II Corinthians 12:1-10)

Sunday PM

"Tender Invitation"

(Matthew 11:28-30)

Our Records

Bible Class... 67

Morning Worship...122

Evening Worship...56

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